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FOR AF/C SWING FROM CHARGE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDIP, CG, AO
SUBJECT: ANGOLAN CHARGE INQUIRES ABOUT AMERICAN VISITOR TO LUANDA

1. DURING RECENT NETO VISIT TO KINSHASA, CHARGE SOUGHT ASSISTANCE OF ANGOLAN CHARGE KAMU D'ALMEIDA TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER JORGE. ON AUGUST 25, D'ALMEIDA, WITHOUT PREVIOUS NOTICE, DROPPED BY CHANCERY FOR "COURTESY CALL."

2. IN BRIEF BUT FRIENDLY CONVERSATION, D'ALMEIDA WAS GUARDEDLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT RECONCILIATION. HE SAID FURTHER MEETINGS OF "MIXED COMMISSION" WILL TAKE PLACE "IN A WEEK OR TWO" IN LUANDA TO LAY GROUNDWORK FOR MOBUTU'S VISIT THERE. HE SAID NO TIMING HAD BEEN DECIDED FOR NEXT MEETING OF CHIEFS OF STATE.

3. IN PASSING, D'ALMEIDA MENTIONED THAT AT AIRPORT DEPARTURE CEREMONY AUGUST 21, FON MINISTER JORGE HAD TOLD D'ALMEIDA HE MIGHT BE RECEIVING A REQUEST FOR AN AMERICAN TO VISIT LUANDA. HE ASKED WHETHER WE HAD HEARD ABOUT SUCH A PROPOSED VISIT. CHARGE REPLIED THAT CONGRESSMAN SIKES HAD SOUGHT PERMISSION FOR SUCH TRAVEL, BUT WE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE IDEA HAD BEEN DROPPED WHEN COMMUNICATIONS BECAME DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF ABSENCE OF GOA AMBASSADORS FROM NEW YORK AND BRUSSELS. IN ANY EVENT DATE OF
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CONGRESSMAN SIKES' ARRIVAL IN KINSHASA WAS NOW INDEFINITE. D'ALMEIDA SAID HE WOULD SEND A TELEGRAPHIC REQUEST TO LUANDA FOR CLARIFICATION.

4. ANGOLAN CHARGE SAID ARRIVAL OF NEW AMBASSADOR WOULD BE DECIDED AS SOON AS LIVING AND OFFICE ACCOMMODATIONS ARE ARRANGED. IN MEANTIME OFFICE/RESIDENCE OF CHARGE ARE AT COMFORTABLE PAVILLON

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